(a) whether Govrnment's attention has been drawn to the news report published in the Hindustan Times dated 26th November, 1998 under the caption "Centre plans to set up 20 Sports Schools";

(b) if so, Government's reaction to the observations made therein;

(c) whether functioning of existing schools has been reviewed and found satisfactory;

(d) what are the grounds for selection of sites for these schools;and

(e) The details of action plan finalised for the current year and the Ninth Five Year Plan period, with special reference to Maharashtra and the number and locations finalised for setting up of sports schools?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A scheme for setting up of one sports school in each State/U.T. is presently under formulation. A bill to rbing 'Sports' from the State List to the Concurrent List of the Constitution was introduced in the Rajya Sabha and the matter is being pursued with State Governments.

The news report also refers to certain schemes which are implemented by the Sports Authority of India like National Sports Talent Contest (NTSC) Scheme, Special Area Games Centres, Sports Authority of India Training Centres and Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC) Scheme. These on-going schemes are meant for spotting and nurturing sports talent in the country.

(c) to (e): No sports school has been set up so far by the Department of Education under the proposed Scheme.

Details regarding the location etc. of such schools will be decided after the approval of the Scheme.

Establishment of Central University Campus in Haflong and Diphu Government Colleges

2248. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the grievances of the people for establishment of Central University Campus in Haflong and Diphu Government Colleges under Silcher Central University in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of effective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government to set up the same; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) A representation had been received in this Department which was referred to the Assam University for consideration. It is for the Assam University to take further decision in this regard.

(d) Does not arise.

उत्तर प्रदेश के पहाड़ी क्षेत्र में आई॰टी॰आई॰ और पोलिटेक्नीक सेन्टर

2249. श्री राजनाथ सिंह: क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश के पहाड़ी क्षेत्र में आई॰टी॰आई॰ और पोलिटेक्नीक सेन्टरों की संख्या बहुत कम है, यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ख) नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान इन जिलों के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में आई॰टी॰आई॰ और पोलिटेक्नीक सेन्टर खोलने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या-क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं; और

(ग) सरकार अल्मोड़ा जिले के बासोट, धंडार खोला तथा क्षेत्रों में कब तक आई॰टी॰आई॰ और पोलिटेक्नीक सेन्टर खोलने का विचार रखती है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (डा० मुरली मनोहर जोशी): (क) से (ग) किसी विशेष क्षेत्र की स्थानीय जरूरतों को ध्यान में रखते हुए, यह संबंधित राज्य सरकारों की जिम्मेदारी है कि वे औद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण संस्थानों तथा पोलिटेक्नीकों की स्थापना करें। हालांकि, अखिल भारतीय तकनीकी शिक्षा परिषद अधिनियम के अन्तर्गत, पोलिटेक्नीकों की स्थापना करने के लिए अखिल भारतीय तकनीकी शिक्षा परिषद की मंजूरी आवश्यक है। अखिल भारतीय तकनीकी शिक्षा परिषद को उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार अथवा इस राज्य के किसी ट्रस्ट से शैक्षिक वर्ष 1999-2000 के लिए उक्त क्षेत्र में पोलिटेक्नीकों की स्थापना करने का कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

Total Number of Teachers in the Country

2250. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated total number of Primary, Secondary, College and University teachers in the country, State-wise;

(b) the ratio between students and teachers in the above institutions, separately, all India State-wise; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to narrow down the gap?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The information is given in the attached statements I and II (*See* below)

(c) To narrow the gap, additional teachers are being provided under Operation Blackboard and District Primary Education Programme. Open Schools, Open Universities and other distance education programmes are also reducing pressures on the formal system.

Statement-I

Estimated number of Primary, Secondary, College and University teachers in India (1996-97)

State/UT	Teachers in (by type of institutions)				
	PS	MS	HS	HSS	Colleges/ Univ.**
Andhra Pradesh	106999	50287	107506	16623	26090
Arunachal Pradesh	3098	2371	1262	1625	139
Assam	81035	48305	42905	19221	9043
Bihar	121800	100860	40941	5809	29986
Goa	2768	741	6559	1384	1116
Gujarat	37006	142641	24498	41262	13290
Haryana	17813	14015	38459	23838	8049
Himachal Pradesh	23173	5521	9267	6915	1958
Jammu & Kashmir	22113	23362	17847	6175	3088
Karnataka	68169	119794	50049	20731	28008
Kerala	46431	50564	94111	6655	22235
Madhya Pradesh	214488	97977	23505	54518	16546
Maharashtra	158074	176988	137430	96084	36431
Manipur	8897	5993	8366	2780	1600
Meghalaya	10175	4255	4509	689	1767
Mizoram	4699	4461	2476	656	*